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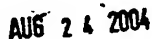
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X	1-12	US5123582 A (LO) The whole document is relevant. See especially column 1 lines 27-35.
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